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SUBJECT: INDONESIA-JAPAN LNG TRANSPORTATION

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1. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IN ADDITION TO POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B, DEPARTMENT STRESS TO AMBASSADOR TOGO UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES THAT ARE LIKELY TO REDOUND TO JAPAN IF CHEROKEE CONTRACT IS CANCELLED. BURMAH TANKERS HAS TOLD US JAPANESE WILL BE NAMED AS CO-DEFENDANTS IN A BREACH OF CONTRACT SUIT AMOUNTING TO "AT LEAST" \$500 MILLION, A PROBABILITY OF WHICH JAPANESE SIDE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AWARE. INDONESIANS WILL ALSO BLAME JAPAN IF THEY HAVE TO PAY HEAVY AND NON-PRODUCTIVE DAMAGE CLAIMS. ALMOST CERTAIN CONSEQUENCE WILL BE REQUESTS FOR NEW JAPANESE FINANCING TO SHORE UP SHAKY PERTAMINA FINANCIAL STRUCTURE. GIVEN JAPANESE INTEREST IN A HEALTHY AND DEVELOPING INDONESIAN ECONOMY, FORCING PERTAMINA TO CANCEL BURMA CONTRACT WOULD APPEAR EX-CONFIDENTIAL

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TREMELY SHORT-SIGHTED.

2. WE WILL BE CONTINUING REPRESENTATIONS HERE, BUT
GOJ SEEMS TO BE HAVING TROUBLE DETERMINING WHERE
REAL NATIONAL INTEREST LIES IN FACE OF ARRAY OF
JAPANESE PRIVATE INDUSTRY INTERESTS.
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